

# Cuban Players Take Four-Story Drop in Elevator---May Play Here May 23

## CUBAN PLAYERS IN DROP OF ELEVATOR

Islanders Shaken Up and Frightened When Lift Drops Four Stories in Planters' Hotel.

## CALVO BADLY FRIGHTENED

Climbers May Play Off a Postponed Game with the Athletics Here on May 23.

By "SENATOR."

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 12.—Jacinto Calvo and Baldomero Acosta, the two young Cuban outfielders with the Griffins, had the scare of their lives yesterday just after supper by being in an elevator in their hotel here while it got away from its guardian and dropped a distance of four stories before it could be controlled. As it was, the elevator landed at the bottom of the shaft with a terrific bump and both Cubans fled from it as if it had been a monster. Their escape from serious injury was narrow, and though they have rooms on the sixth floor, they are now walking up stairs, absolutely refusing to enter the elevator again.

"I am in a state of panic," Calvo, in his broken English, "it drop right down. I say, 'Good-by Cuba.' I see no other doors at all till I hit street with bump. Then I run from it. I no go in elevator again, no I stay steps to my room."

Acosta is more inclined to treat the drop in the elevator as a joke, and he laughs at the serious faces of his hearers.

"When down the elevator dropped my mind all come up in my throat like I was sick. Then bump! It hit the bottom, and I almost hit down on floor. Then I run from it. Now I no go in elevator again. I walk up to room on sixth floor."

## Five Others in Car.

Besides the two Cubans, five others were on the elevator when it got away from the man in charge of it and fell. It descended rapidly a distance of about forty feet, or four stories, before the man caught it again. It landed on the bumper at the bottom with a heavy thud, jouncing the passengers all together. In order not to frighten his two young Cuban too much, Manager Griffith made light of the accident, but the Islanders are still walking up to their rooms.

The Cubans may play off a postponed game in Washington on May 23 if Ban Johnson can arrange it. Manager Griffith has written the head of the league for permission to play the Athletics in the Capital city. Owing to the presence of the Philadelphia National League team in the city, it is impossible for the two American League clubs to meet at Shibe Park.

But it is possible for them to reach the Capital in time to play off one of the three postponed games there. The Cubans will arrive in the city on the special train from Cleveland and Buffalo. Word is expected from Ban Johnson within a day or so.

## Riots Are Expected.

Unless something is done rapidly in this city regarding the rioting, the repetition of these riots when bottles were hurled at the officials by the angry fans is expected. Apparently because "Silk" O'Loughlin and Ferguson are unpopular here, they are again being crammed down the throats of the St. Louis club, where they are assigned to some other city.

Umpire Ferguson is hissed and booed every time he comes on the field. Yesterday, calling Danny Moeller out when he was clearly a foul ball, he was hissed and booed and yelled at the new umpire. For the rest of the game Ferguson was hissed and booed every time he came on the field. The umpire situation in this league is rapidly reaching a crisis. Rumors are heard on every side that the officials have been ordered by Ban Johnson to banish and suspend players on the slightest provocation. Ban Johnson has built up a wonderful reputation for banishing rowdiness from the diamond, and he is going the limit now. He is in a future union, and every element of earnestness. Managers and captains are not allowed to say a word against the playing field. But Ban is going to make the fight all along the line in defense of his umpires, and here in St. Louis many wise judges believe that a riot is in close proximity.

Griffith's players were greatly interested today in a story printed here that Doc White's record is false, and that Jack Coombs really holds the shutout honors with fifty-three scoreless innings. If this is true, the Climbers' great feat is a record. Coombs held the foe scoreless for fifty-three frames in 1912. This is the correct record, Johnson is almost certain to pass that while in this city.

## Ed Walsh Wins for Sox From Athletics

CHICAGO, May 12.—With Ed Walsh back in the box, after a long rest, Chicago took the measure of the Athletics in a fast Sunday game, 4 to 3. In the seventh inning, Philadelphia threatened to tie the score. Walsh, however, weakened, allowing two runs to cross the plate. Philadelphia furnished the features, McInnes having connected for a circuit hit, Strunk tripped and Barry put up a great line of fielding. R.H.E. Athletics: 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 3 7 2 Chicago: 1 0 0 2 0 0 2 4 6 7 Batteries—Taff, Brown and Schang, Thomas; E. Walsh and Schaak.

## Cornell-Bankers Game Has Been Postponed

Owing to the deaths in the families of Mike McDonald and Jack Spalding, the game today in the Capital City League between the Cornell Realty and the Bankers will be postponed.

The contest will be scheduled later on one of the open dates of the league.

## Sam Agnew Is Touted As Season's Find for St. Louis Browns

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 12.—Sam Agnew, the Browns' first string backstop, obtained by draft from Los Angeles, looks like the real thing. He is heavy set, can stand plenty of work, appears to have brains in handling his pitchers, and has a good arm when it comes to pegging. He can also sting the pill right merrily, and George Stovall has evidently found a capable man in him.

## GANDIL MAY BE IN GAME AT DETROIT

X-Ray Photograph of Foot Shows No Broken Bones, But Strained Ligaments.

By "SENATOR."

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 12.—"Chick" Gandil, the Climbers' big first baseman, is expected to resume his place in the line-up Thursday or Friday against the Detroit Tigers. A perfect x-ray photograph of his injured toe was made last night by Dr. M. B. Titterton, an expert in that line, and it showed that no bones were broken, but that the ligaments behind the toe were badly strained. The physician counseled Gandil to remain in bed for the remainder of his stay in this city in order to get the foot and ankle completely healed. He promises that the clotting first corner guard will be in the game against the Tigers.

Gandil's value to the Griffins was never shown so conclusively as in yesterday's game against the Browns. Not one of Hughes' throws to first base would have escaped the capacious maw of the St. Louis first baseman, and he could, but he is no first baseman, and the ball got away from him as if electrified.

"I am more than glad to learn that there are no broken bones in Gandil's foot," said Dr. Titterton. "With him back in the line-up, we shall begin to hum along once more, and then they'll all know we're in the race."

## McBRIDE'S RECORD AMONG THE BEST

Nationals' Shortstop Has Played Here for Five Years, Missing But Five Games.

While you are boosting the playing of several of the youngsters why not consider George McBride, the captain of the Griffins? McBride has made one of the most wonderful records in major league baseball in the five years that he has been with the Senators here. He has taken part in more games than any player in either of the big leagues. During that time the team has had the name of the only shortstop (McBride) in the official averages.

Joining Washington in the fall of 1907, he started active work in 1908, and took part in every game played by the team that season. He duplicated that record in 1909 and 1910. During the seasons of 1911 and 1912 he failed to take part in only two games.

McBride's fielding average since joining the team has been in a class by itself. So far, his average is .987. The American League is concerned. His average since 1908 runs between .937 and .948, and his error rate is .001. The only players approaching this record are Honus Wagner, of Pittsburgh, and Doolittle, of Detroit, neither of these National League stars has taken part in as many games in any one season as McBride.

## Ranked Second.

The year he entered the American League he ranked second among the shortstops; in 1909 and 1910 he led the shortstops; and Spalding's Baseball Guide for this year places him in the American League Hall of Fame, which is composed of fourteen of the leading players of that organization. In right history of baseball there probably is no more consistent a record than his.

Only McBride's batting keeps him from being classed as the equal, if not the superior, of the great Honus Wagner. Even in this, however, he shows consistency, as his averages for the last five years range between .226 and .258. His hits in the same period range from 118 to 131; sacrifice hits from 14 to 27, and stolen bases from 11 to 27. In spite of his low batting average, however, he is considered one of the most valuable members of the team.

McBride received his first professional trial in 1902 with the Milwaukee American Association team. Later, in 1903, he was sent to the St. Joseph Western League team for seasoning. He played second base in 1903 for St. Joseph, with a fielding average of .921, ranking second, and a batting average of .258.

In 1904, with the same team, he ranked second in fielding among the shortstops, taking 129 out of 146 chances and a batting average of .258, and ranked second in stolen bases, with 47 to his credit.

## Broke In 1905.

McBride broke into the National League in 1905, when he was purchased from the St. Joseph team by the Pittsburgh club. Later in the season he was traded by the Pirates to the St. Louis Cardinals for Dave Brain, the third baseman. He played 106 games at third base in 1905, with a fielding average of .930.

In 1906 he played ninety games with St. Louis and tied with Tinker, of the Cubs, for first place in fielding, but because of weak hitting was traded to the Cardinals for Bill Phyle to the Kansas City club, of the American Association, where in fifty-nine games

## St. Louis Won't Let Climbers in Hotel Victory



## FRIGHTFUL BASEBALL SEEN AS BROWNS TAKE FIRST GAME FROM THE GRIFFMEN

Hughes Contributes Several Wild Throws That Help St. Louis to Win.

By "SENATOR."

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 12.—Well, the entertainment came off, all right, but the entertainment pleased only those affiliated with the Browns. Such baseball as shown by both teams was frightful to see, certainly not worth traveling all the way from Chicago to see. The result was a 7 to 2 in favor of the Browns, and \$6,000 fans left the park satisfied that the Climbers should be named the Slippers. And, apparently, every one of those fans was perfectly correct.

After their brilliant fielding against the White Sox in Chicago on Saturday the work of the Climbers in the field here was atrocious. Frank Laporte alone upheld the honor of the team, though the gardeners were blameless, perhaps, because nothing came their way. Dutch Schaefer was as accurate as the worst around first base, though but one error is charged him in the box score.

Tom Hughes suddenly became insane every time he had to make a throw. Indeed, Tom heaved away his own game, for when the score was tied with three runs for each side, he carelessly flung wildly twice, and, blooping, he hit the batter. Manager Griffith said to him murmured in his sleep all last night. Don't blame him; we saw the game.

McBride's pitching alone, Hughes was the candy kid. His fast ball and his curve worked properly. The Browns' batting was a disaster. They hit him successfully, and he might have gotten away with a victory if he had kept his senses in that awful eighth.

## Weak With Stick.

Frank Laporte was the real lead in the field for the Griffins, though weak as a steed milk with the ball. Indeed, as a team the Climbers don't seem to need bats. They can pop up flies just as well with their heads as with their bats. The only pure power among them is Laporte's sacrifice put him on third. In the opening frame, when he dashed over in front of McBride and seized his glove hand, he pointed on one foot like a Greek statue, got his man with one much time to spare.

Dutch Schaefer beat out a hit to short to open the game, reaching second on Walsh's hit. Heave to first. Schaefer's sacrifice put him on third. Minnie popped to Walsh and Laporte walked. When Pratt romped to second, the offer was turned down. With one gone in the final half of this frame, Hughes hit Jack Johnson right where he sits down and the young outfielder promptly stole. Gus Williams laid one down for Tom and he obligingly hurried

he ranked first in fielding among the shortstops and hit for 34.

In 1907 he took part in 131 out of 144 scheduled games with the Kansas City team and ranked fourth in fielding. In the fall of 1907 he was purchased by St. Louis.

Since the passing of Bob Gantley in 1905, the team has been field captain of the Senators, under three managers—Cantillon, McInnes, and Griffith. When Griffith bought an interest in the Boston Red Sox he offered the Washington club \$10,000 for McBride. Both on and off the field he is popular, and only once in his professional career has he been suspected for disputing a decision of an umpire.

## Cy Falkenberg and Jackson Turn Trick

CLEVELAND, May 12.—Flourishingly speaking, Al Cowley, turned out to be Cy Falkenberg in his sixth straight victory, when with the help of Joe Jackson's home run with a full house, he defeated the Yankees by 7 to 2.

In his other three times at bat Jack Jackson, who succeeded Schultz, was effective. This is the sixth consecutive victory for Pitcher Falkenberg. R.H.E. Cleveland: 4 0 0 1 0 0 2 7 14 1 New York: 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 2 7 1 Batteries—Falkenberg and Carlin; Kieffer, Schultz and Sweeney.

it out to right field, letting Johnston score. Then came Laporte's marvelous stop and right after it an ordinary one by the same chubby hot corner gardener. Thus the score stood at one and one.

Bugs Went Insane.

The huge throng of bugs went insane in the third when the Browns jumped ahead, carried along by a resounding whack into the right field bleachers for a homer by Gus Williams. One had

gone when Schaefer dropped Hughes' toss of Johnston's little grounder. And then it came, that terrific drive up among the fans who sat in their shirt sleeves and howled "Let me take it" in one grand chorus. Immediately Williams became a hero.

The Griffins equaled this score in the fifth by some real good work, though it had to be marred by some poor stuff, too. Hank Shanks bunched a box of cigarettes on the left field

wall for two cushions to start that frame and tore over the dish when George McBride crashed a safety to center. Hughes popped to Pratt, trying to bunt, and Moeller drew a pass. Schaefer beat out a clean single to short that Dee Walsh, (here's that funny name again) just managed to stop.

McBride imagined himself Jim Thorpe and overran third, being promptly squelched by the Walsh-Austin combination. That cost the Griffins a run, for Minnie followed with a clean drive to right, scoring Moeller. With men on second and third and two down Laporte brought a lead pencil to the pan and waved it twice. Nuff said.

## Bob Thayer's Sporting Gossip

"EVERY KNOCK IS A BOOST."

Do not mention it.

To think that Tom Hughes had to blow his game and after letting down the Browns with four hits, Schaefer added to the free passage by bobbling a couple in approved style. It has been maintained right along that it is impossible to do without Gandil and Foster and little can be expected of the Nationals until these two get back into the line-up.

Talk of hitting.

Howard Shanks is nobly holding up his end in batting this year, and those who were inclined to scoff at the youngster and his ability to hit have been forced to eat their own words. Shanks could always field and throw but shy at the bat. This seems to have been overcome and it would not be surprising to see him shoved up higher in the batting order.

White's record incorrect.

An enterprising statistician has dug into the records and found that "Doc" White's record for runless pitching is incorrect. This makes Johnson's record but one-third of an inning behind that held by Jack Coombs and it is now necessary for Walter to get but one man out in his next engagement before a run is scored to have him tie Coombs.

Brooklyn's sport.

When the Dodgers played here last spring there were few who saw their performances who could hand them the youngsters would show better form later. Predictions that the few veterans could bring the standard of play of the youngsters up to their measure were few, but Dahlen seems to have accomplished wonders and the Dodgers are up and fighting for second place.

## Griffins Gossip.

Daredevil Danny Moeller shows no signs of having a weak shoulder. He takes all kinds of chances on the patins without difficulty.

"Ferduke" Fowler, the Climbers' man of business, goes around these days with a broad smile on his face from morning till night. He delights in seeing large crowds of fans, and the Climbers are proving an excellent drawing card in every city on the circuit. No wonder "Ferduke" grins.

Manager Griffith realizes fully the drawing card his young Cuban outfielders are. He has been for hours, filling up eager scribes with talks of their prowess on the diamond and their promise for the future under the large canopy. At that, Griffith believes all he says about these two kids.

Every time anybody praises Umpire Ferguson, Griffith grins. He, strange to relate, was chief sponsor for this official, and, naturally, he likes to have him make good. Inasmuch as Griffith is the umpire's greatest foe, it is more than strange to hear him recommending an official to Ban Johnson.

Daredevil Danny Moeller is proving one of the fleetest players in the circuit. His speed in getting under flies in the garden is earning him praise from the fans, while opposing batteries are reaching for him the moment he reaches

Laporte Probably Performs Better Than Any Other Member of Nationals' Infield.

Experts playing.

The Australian players who will take part in the elimination trial for the honor of challenging for the Davis Cup are apt to run up against all sorts of tribulations in meeting the Americans, any number of pairs seeming to be able to give them all they are looking for. The defeat of Hackett and Little by Niles and Dabney, the Boston pair, indicates the strength of the competing American teams.

Leaguers blow.

As far as can be estimated, the United States League team here never existed. Announcing a line-up of supposedly out-of-town players, the manager came across with a team composed of Washington amateurs. Yesterday the visiting team failed to play, and the Washington manager and players are in wrong in every way. The less said about the whole matter the better.

Are after Eller.

Baltimore men seem to be after Bob Eller for his performances at the South Atlantic intercollegiate games Saturday week ago. It is not to be supposed that Eller will not retaliate if there is any possibility of getting a fair crack at the Baltimore men. The Georgetown captain feels that he has been discriminated against on more than one occasion. That, however, is a matter which will probably be threshed out later.

Joe Jackson there.

Ask us, and we will tell you that the Hon. Gen. Joe Jackson is right there when it comes to cutting out a hot pace for the batters in the American League this year. Less and less is heard of the batting of T. Cobb, while Jackson gaily shines with the bat, his remarkable crouch with the bases loaded capping the climax of his prowess so far this season.

First base. Moeller seems to be in a good season.

Hank Shanks insists that he will win that \$100 from Manager Griffith for not smoking during the season. "That's the softest \$100 I'll ever get," says the Monaco Marvel. "It's easy to stop smoking, if you have a little will power, and will power is one of the principal outfits of Monaco, Pa."

Tris Speaker, the Boston slugger, says that Matty always pitches what you want. "He's king of them all," says Tris.

## Among the Minors.

American Association. Louisville, 8; Indianapolis, 0, (first game). Indianapolis, 5; Louisville, 3, (second game). Louisville, 2; Minneapolis, 1. Milwaukee, 13; St. Paul, 1. Columbus, 4; Toledo, 1.

International League. Newark, 8; Montreal, 2.

Southern League. Chattanooga, 0; Mobile, 0, (first game). Mobile, 3; Chattanooga, 2, (second game). Nashville, 2; New Orleans, 9. Atlanta, 8; Montgomery, 2. Memphis, 11; Birmingham, 5.

Federal League. Chicago, 3; Indianapolis, 2. St. Louis, 3; Covington, 7.

## Conditions in St. Louis Now Much Improved For Visiting Players

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 12.—Conditions for traveling teams have been much improved here this year, thanks to the strong complaints made last season by Clark Griffith and Connie Mack. Col. Bob Hedgus doesn't like to spend the money, but he had to loosen his purse strings when Ban Johnson thundered. As a result visiting teams may now dress in a respectable building.

## COMMISSION TO BE ASKED FOR CHANGES

Baseball Writers Would Clear Up Many Points in Scoring Rules Now Existing.

NEW YORK, May 12.—The committee appointed by the Baseball Writers Association to clear up points in the scoring rules so as to bring about more uniformity held its first meeting and adopted a number of recommendations to be presented to the National Commission and through that body to the playing rules committee of the big leagues for action.

The committee was unanimously in favor of the much discussed plan of giving a hit to a batsman who advances a base runner on an infield fly when the batsman reaches first and no error is made on the play. It was argued that the good points of the method of scoring outfielders' errors might have and that it was the logical and equitable way to score the play. Instructions already had been issued by the National and American League officials to record the play as a base hit.

The wording of several of the rules was clarified, one being that only one error should be credited to a player who takes part in the running of a play in a single play. A slider might have two assists in a double play. Some errors have been charged in the past to a runner being caught napping and getting back his base because of the man taking the throw dropping the ball. The verdict was that in case the runner would have been out if the fielder had held the ball, the error should be charged with an error.

There is a rule which reads: "An error shall not be charged against the catcher or an infielder who attempts to complete a double play unless the throw he so wild that an additional base is gained." It was voted to add to this provision that "this, however, does not exempt from an error a player who drops a thrown ball when by holding it he would complete a double play." The words there is no additional exertion imposed on the man taking the throw, as in no case of one making it, and no reason why he should be exonerated from an error.

Opinion has differed widely whether, when a runner starts a play, prior to a passed ball or wild pitch, the battery error also should be charged. It was suggested by E. J. Lanning, secretary of the American and National League, respectively, are now keeping record of errors on every pitcher's line. The present error record differs from the old error record, taking account of every error made in a game to be responsible for failures by opponents. The theory of the plan is that it gives a correct line on a pitcher's value in preventing runs. Another recommendation adopted, suggested by E. J. Lanning, the statistician, was that a record be kept of the number of times catchers throw out men attempting to steal. The recommendation was adopted by the committee present at the meeting were: Jack Ryer, Cincinnati, chairman; William W. Deane, Brooklyn; William W. Deane, Philadelphia; and G. Lieb and W. B. Hanna, New York.

## Baseball Standings

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	15	5	.750
Cleveland	13	5	.726
Washington	12	6	.667
Chicago	11	6	.647
St. Louis	11	5	.688
Boston	9	9	.500
Detroit	7	13	.380
New York	5	17	.294

### Today's Games.

Washington at St. Louis.

New York at Cleveland.

Philadelphia at Chicago.

Boston at Detroit.

### Tomorrow's Games.

Washington at St. Louis.

New York at Cleveland.

Philadelphia at Chicago.

Boston at Detroit.

### Yesterday's Results.

St. Louis, 7; Washington, 2.

Cleveland, 7; New York, 2.

Chicago, 4; Philadelphia, 2.

Boston, 5; Detroit, 4.

(10 innings).

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	12	6	.667
Brooklyn	14	8	.636
Pittsburgh	13	7	.652
St. Louis	12	10	.545
New York	10	11	.476
Cincinnati	9	12	.429
Boston	8	13	.385
Cincinnati	6	17	.261

### Today's Games.

St. Louis at Boston.

Chicago at New York.

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia.

Cincinnati at Brooklyn.

### Tomorrow's Games.

St. Louis at Boston.

Chicago at New York.

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia.

Cincinnati at Brooklyn.

### Yesterday's Results.

No games scheduled.

## RECORD OF WHITE FOUND INCORRECT

Coombs Found to Hold Runless Record, Which Is 1-3 Inning Better Than Johnson's.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 12.—The story sent out of Chicago stating that Walter Johnson's shut-out record for consecutive innings was within three and one-third innings of the record of "Doc" White, the White Sox southpaw, would be interesting if true.

The fact is that the only correct part of the story is that Walter Johnson, who has pitched fifty-two and two-third innings without allowing a run. Nevertheless, the Washington speed artist does not hold the record, which is credited to "Jack" Coombs, of the Philadelphia Athletics, who pitched fifty-three scoreless innings in 1912. However, Johnson has an excellent chance to set a new mark in his next game.

The record credited to "Doc" White of fifty-four innings without any player crossing the home plate is incorrect. His record for forty-four innings, as the following facts show. One record broadcast says White, in 1904, pitched the following days in succession without a run being scored: August 23, when New York failed to score in the eighth inning, and did not play the ninth. That was the supposed beginning of White's record. Then it goes on to show that on September 5, 12, 14, 15, 23, 26, and October 7, no runs were scored off him.

This is all true, but it makes no mention of the game of September 9, when Cleveland scored three runs in the eighth inning. This was four days after White had pitched his supposed first nine of his fifty-four innings. Cleveland scored in the last inning. The correct records follow:

Player	Scoreless Innings
September 9—Cleveland	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
September 12—Cleveland	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
September 14—Cleveland	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
September 15—Cleveland	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
September 23—Cleveland	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
September 26—Cleveland	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
October 7—Cleveland	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Total	54

## COOMBS' RECORD IN 1912.

Player	Scoreless Innings
September 5—New York	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
September 12—Washington	0 0 0